

### REMARKS

In the November 7, 2005 Office Action, claims 1-20 stand rejected in view of prior art.  
In the November 7, 2005 Office Action, all of the claims stand rejected in view of prior art.  
No other objections or rejections were made in the Office Action.

#### ***Status of Claims and Amendments***

In response to the November 7, 2005 Office Action, Applicants have amended the specification and claims 1 and 13 as indicated above. Thus, claims 1-20 are pending, with claims 1 and 13 being the only independent claims. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested in view of above amendments and the following comments.

#### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

In item 2 of the Office Action, it was indicated that the information disclosure statement filed on September 22, 2005 failed to comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) because the cited foreign patent document was not included.

Since the cited foreign patent document, Japanese Patent Application Publication H1-46746, is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 4,530,673, which was considered, Applicants respectfully assert that the obligation of their duty of disclosure has been met.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for taking the time to explain the deficiency in the aforementioned September 22, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement.

#### ***Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102***

In item 3 of the Office Action, claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,138,011 (Stromberg). In response, Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 13 to define clearly the present invention over the prior art of record.

In particular, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite that the second rotating member is arranged on both axial sides of the first rotating member. Further, claim 13 has similarly been amended to recite that the second disk member is arranged on both axial sides of the first disk member.

As seen in Figure 1 of Stromberg, Stromberg discloses a second rotating member or disk member 7 that is fixed to a hub but is not arranged on both axial sides of the first rotating member or disk 10.

Clearly, this structure is *not* disclosed or suggested by Stromberg or any other prior art of record. It is well settled under U.S. patent law that for a reference to anticipate a claim, the reference must disclose each element of the claim within the reference. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 13, as now amended, are not anticipated by the prior art of record. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Moreover, Applicants believe that the dependent claims are also allowable over the prior art of record in that they depend from independent claims 1 and 13, and therefore are allowable for the reasons stated above. Also, the dependent claims are further allowable because they include additional limitations. Thus, Applicants believe that since the prior art of record does not anticipate independent claims 1 and 13, neither does the prior art anticipate the dependent claims.

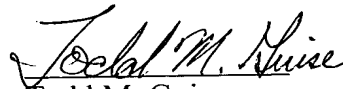
Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

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In view of the foregoing amendment and comments, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1-20 are now in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

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